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Rockville Announces New Red Light Camera Locations *City Sees 80 percent Reduction in Violations in Recent Months*

The City of Rockville started to operate red light cameras at three new locations in March and began issuing tickets for violations after an initial grace period that ended April 14.

The cameras are part of the City's effort to improve vehicle and pedestrian safety in Rockville. Cameras in other locations have proven effective, with the City experiencing an 80 percent drop in the number of violations in the first seven months since new technology was implemented.

"The ultimate goal of the red light camera program is to have the highest level possible of motorist compliance," said Rockville Police Chief T.N. Treschuk. "We would be glad to see a time when we didn't issue any violations."

Rockville began operating cameras to enforce red light laws on Nov. 1, 2002. The program was an initiative of the Mayor and Council to protect pedestrians and motorists. The program supports police officer enforcement of traffic laws.

Cameras record violations when a vehicle travels straight through or makes a left hand turn

at an intersection that has a red light, or makes a right turn on red, where permissible, without coming to a full and complete stop.

Last year, the City transitioned its red light camera program to a new vendor, which replaced all of the cameras with five cameras currently operating at the following intersections:

- North Washington Street at Beall Avenue (south bound)
- West Gude Drive at Gaither Road (west bound)
- West Gude Drive at Research Blvd. (east bound)
- West Gude Drive at Research Blvd. (west bound)
- Seven Locks Road at Fortune Terrace (north bound)

In April, the City brought three additional red light cameras online for a total of eight cameras throughout Rockville. The new locations are:

- North Washington Street at Middle Lane (north bound)
- Park Road at N. Stonestreet Ave (west bound)
- Gaither Road at Redland Blvd (north bound)

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Bi-Annual Citizen Survey Results Are In

Rockville Scores High in Quality of Life and Quality of Services

Rockville's Citizen Survey is a citywide survey used to gather data and feedback from residents on what it means to be a resident in the City of Rockville. This year's results show high marks for quality of life and City services.

Two thousand residents of a random sample were asked questions on the quality of life in Rockville, community amenities, and City programs and services.

The survey was conducted by the National Research Center of Boulder, Colorado.

Out of the 2,000 residents that received the survey, 682 responded, which is a healthy 36 percent response rate. Here are some of the results:

- 91% of residents who responded to the survey described the "overall quality of life in the City of Rockville" as excellent or good
- 87% rated the "overall quality of your neighborhood" as excellent or good
- 89% rated "Rockville as a place to raise children" as excellent or good
- 87% rated "overall quality of services in Rockville" as excellent or good

This year, the survey results showed substantial

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Llegaron los resultados de la Encuesta Semestral de Ciudadanos

Rockville alcanza un alto puntaje en Calidad de Vida y Calidad de Servicios

La Encuesta de Ciudadanos de Rockville es una encuesta de toda la Ciudad utilizada para recolectar datos y opiniones de los residentes sobre lo que significa ser un residente en la Ciudad de Rockville. Los resultados de este año muestran puntajes altos para

calidad de vida y servicios de la Ciudad.

Se formularon preguntas a una muestra al azar conformada por dos mil residentes sobre la calidad de vida en Rockville, servicios de la comunidad y programas y servicios de la Ciudad. El Centro Nacional de Investigación de Boulder, Colorado tuvo a su cargo la conducción de la encuesta.

De los 2,000 residentes que recibieron la encuesta, 682 respondieron, lo que da un saludable 36% de índice de respuesta. Estos son los resultados:

- 91% de los residentes que respondieron a la encuesta describieron la "calidad de vida general de la Ciudad de Rockville" como excelente o buena

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State Legislators Wrap Up Session

Rockville fared well in the state legislative session that wrapped up in April, with the City poised to receive additional Highway User Revenue and Police Protection Aid in the fiscal year 2014 state budget.

State lawmakers approved a one-time restoration of Highway User Revenue of \$15.4 million to municipalities. Based on the latest Maryland Department of Transportation estimates, Rockville may receive about \$1.1 million from this restored revenue source.

The lawmakers also decided to restore police aid on an ongoing basis. Rockville Police received \$417,000 in state support each year since fiscal year 2010; the new funding level is \$620,000 annually starting in fiscal year 2014.

Rockville worked with the Maryland Municipal League, the Maryland Association of Counties and other local governments to monitor the impact of proposed speed camera program legislation that failed to pass the legislature.

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Rockville City Hall to Close in Observance of Memorial Day

Recycling, Refuse Collection Shifts One Day

Rockville City Hall will be closed Monday, May 27 in observance of Memorial day. Parking fees at City-owned meters will be suspended for the day.

Recycling, yard waste and refuse collection will be suspended and the schedule will shift one day later in the week. (For example, Monday collection will be made on Tuesday, Friday on Saturday and so on.) For more information, residents may call 240-314-8568 or go to www.rockvillemd.gov/recycling-refuse.

The following Rockville facilities and programs will not operate May 27:

- F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre and Box Office
- Croydon Creek Nature Center
- Glenview Mansion and the Art Gallery
- Lincoln Park, Twinbrook and Thomas Farm Community Centers
- Rockville Senior Center

The following Rockville facility will be open on Memorial Day:

Rockville Swim and Fitness Center – the indoor pool and fitness center will be open 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Due to the City's Memorial Day parade, access to Martins Lane and the Swim Center parking lot will be restricted until after noon. The North Pool will be open 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. The outdoor recreation and fitness pools will be open noon to 9 p.m. The South Indoor Pool will be closed. For more information about closings, go to www.rockvillemd.gov or call 240-314-5000. ✦

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Dust off your period clothing – the Civil War Comes to Rockville on June 29.

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Rockville was recently named a Bike Friendly Community in 2012 by the League of American Bicyclists, a designation that recognizes Rockville's commitment to bicycling in the City.

To that end, the City works proactively to bring awareness to residents and visitors about how to stay safe on Rockville's roads. The three Es the City follows to ensure pedestrian and bicycle safety are:

ENGINEERING – Making sure Rockville's roads are designed and constructed to accommodate the safety of bicyclists and pedestrians

EDUCATION – Working to educate the public on the meaning of traffic laws in the respective courtesy that motorists and pedestrians owe each other

ENFORCEMENT – Enforcing laws, both for traffic control and public safety

Rockville Invests in New Sidewalks and Other Traffic Improvements

Cyclists and pedestrians alike can look forward to the construction of two new sidewalks in Rockville after this summer. It's part of the City's goal to create a more connected and pedestrian-safety transportation network.

Sidewalks will be added on:

- Avery Road, between Mark Twain Elementary School and the County's Blair G. Ewing Center
- Wootton Parkway between McCormick Road and Hurley Avenue.

The estimated cost for the Avery Road sidewalk, which will also include a storm drain system extension, is \$290,000. The estimated cost for the Wootton Parkway sidewalk is \$235,000.

The sidewalk on Wootton Parkway will be pervious concrete. This is the first sidewalk to be constructed with pervious concrete, which allows stormwater to drain through the surface, and into the soil below. Pervious concrete can also be found in the Thomas Farm Community Center parking lot.

Andrew Luetkemeier, a City civil engineer, says the construction of new sidewalks is all about connectivity: "We want our streets to be connected, connecting neighborhoods, connecting pedestrians to other means of public transportation. We want to make it safe for pedestrians."

Rockville is dedicated to keeping its streets bike and pedestrian friendly. The City identifies capital improvement needs and allocates funds toward public transportation infrastructure. Upcoming projects include new sidewalk infrastructure, bridge rehabilitation and Accessible Pedestrian Signals (APS) installation.

APS devices are used to communicate information about pedestrian traffic signals in non-visual formats such as audible tones, verbal messages and/or vibrating surfaces. Currently, 18 of the City's 48 traffic signals have APS with an additional seven signals under design for APS upgrade.

The City also installs Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons to help pedestrians cross streets safely. The newest location of a flashing beacon is on North Washington Street at Wood Lane.

This popular crossing point connects walkers from the West End of Rockville to the Town Square retailers such as the adjacent Dawson's Market. The City hopes to enhance pedestrian safety at this crosswalk with the new beacon.

For more information or to learn about other City projects, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/transportation.

May is Bike Month



Spot one of the City's Accessible Pedestrian Signals (APS) on the Carl Henn Millennium Trail.

Celebrate Bike Month in Rockville

Residents can get out on two wheels to celebrate Bike Month through a variety of activities:

Bike Month Kick-off

Ride: Saturday, May 4, at 10 a.m. This six- to eight-mile family ride starts and ends at Rockville City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave.

Evening King Farm Rides:

Tuesdays from May 7 through June 25 at 6:30 p.m. Meet at King Farm Homestead Park, 1199 Grand Champion Rd. Suitable for families; children under 12 may come with a parent. Cycling will be at the pace of the slowest rider.

Ride of Silence: On Wednesday, May 15, at 7 p.m. switch gears for the 7th Annual Ride of Silence in Rockville as cyclists worldwide honor those who have been injured and killed while cycling on public roadways. The 10-mile, police-escorted ride starts at the library in Rockville Town Center.



Remember to always wear a helmet.

Bike to Work Day:

Switch your morning commute from four wheels to two on May 17 and enjoy three pit stops (Town Center, Falls Grove Village Center and 1101 Wootton Parkway). The Rockville Bike Advisory Committee and City staff will supply food, drinks, and raffle items at the stops. To learn more, go to www.bike-to-workmetrodc.org.

Trailblazer's Triangle Bike Tour: Sunday, May 19,



Follow signs like this on bike routes throughout Rockville.

from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. This 20-mile City-sponsored expedition takes riders on some of Montgomery County's newest and most scenic paved bike paths. Departs from Roots Shopping Plaza, 16806 Georgia Ave., Olney, MD. Route follows the Intercounty

Connector (ICC), Matthew Henson and Rock Creek Trails, with a scenic stop at Lake Needwood. Register online through Rock Enroll (course #43051). Cost: \$15 Residents / \$19 Non-Residents.

Bike Trip on Western Maryland Rail Trail: On Saturday, June 8, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., enjoy a day of casual cycling on one of the Mid-Atlantic's most picturesque paved paths. The 10-mile ride departs near Fort Frederick State Park, at the eastern terminus of the Western Maryland Rail Trail. Lunch (on your own) and sightseeing in the quaint and historic town of Hancock follows the ride. Register online through Rock Enroll (course #43148). Cost: \$45R / \$55 NR.

Organized Carl Henn Millennium Trail Ride: Ride the 10.6-mile Rockville Bike Beltway on Sunday, June 16, at 10 a.m. Departs from the Rockville Senior Center, 1150 Carnation Dr. For more information about bicycling in Rockville, go online to www.rockvillemd.gov/recreation/bicycling.

Rockville to be Part of the National Capital Bikeshare Network

Soon, Rockville will be home to 20 bike share stations.

The program is part of a Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments and Capital Bikeshare initiative. The bikeshare stations will provide more access to bikes in the City and give another alternative to getting around safely on two wheels.

The Capital Bikeshare program already has more than 1,600 bikes in circulation across Washington D.C. and Virginia. The bike stations in Rockville will be some of the first locations for the Capital Bikeshare in Maryland.

Here's how the program works: pay a \$75 fee for an annual membership or sign up for a one-, three- or 30-day membership. The first 30 minutes of each trip are free. Each additional 30 minutes costs an additional fee. Memberships can be used at any of the Capital Bikeshare locations. For more information on the program, visit www.capitalbikeshare.com.

The bikeshare sta-

tions are planned to be within the City as well as in the Shady Grove area of Montgomery County. Rockville is sponsoring nine of them, and others will be sponsored by the County. Maintenance for all stations is handled through Capital Bikeshare.

The proposed stations in Rockville are planned to be in town center, King Farm, and Falls Grove areas and at the Rockville Metro Station. There will also be a station in Lincoln Park and another one on Taft Street. The stations will also have close access to Rockville's Carl Henn Millennium Trail. Other stations in the county will be at the Shady Grove Metrorail station and in the Traville and Medical Center areas.

While the plans are not finalized yet, the Capital Bikeshare program aims to provide more access to commuters or anyone else who may be in need of a bike. Be sure to go online to www.rockvillemd.gov for more details in late summer. ❖



Red light cameras are now recording traffic violations at eight City intersections.

Red Light Camera

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Locations for a ninth and tenth site are currently being evaluated. Citations carry a civil penalty of \$75 for each violation. Points are not assigned to the vehicle owner's driving record (similar to a parking ticket), and insurance companies cannot

consider these tickets in calculating insurance rates.

For more information on Rockville's red light camera program, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/police/redlight.html or contact Maj. Mike England with the Rockville City Police Department at 240-314-8913 or mengland@rockvillemd.gov. ❖

Mayor & Council

City of Rockville Elected Officials (Two-Year Term from November 2011 to November 2013)



Mayor
Phyllis Marcuccio



Councilmember
John F. Hall, Jr.



Councilmember
Tom Moore



Councilmember
Bridget Donnell Newton



Councilmember
Mark Pierzchala

City Readies Fiscal 2014 Budget

The Mayor and Council are expected to adopt the budget on May 20 for fiscal year 2014, which begins July 1.

City Manager Barb Matthews proposed a \$112 million operating budget, which represents a 4.5 percent increase over FY13. The budget proposal kept property tax rates the same as the current fiscal year and recommended rate increases for stormwater management, water and sewer services. The refuse rate was proposed to remain the same.

More discussion and decisions by the Mayor and Council will take place in early May, with the final worksession scheduled for

May 6. This follows a series of budget public hearings and worksessions throughout the month of April as work continued toward adoption of the FY14 budget.

You can send your comments on the FY14 budget to the Mayor and Council as they make their final decisions:

- In writing to the Mayor and Council at 111 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, MD 20850
- Via email to mayorcouncil@rockvillemd.gov

For more information on the budget, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/budget or call the Finance Department at 240-314-8400. ✚

Mayor and Council Approve Stipend Increases

Action Follows Recommendation of Compensation Commission

Future Rockville Mayors and Councilmembers may be paid slightly more than the current elected officials after a vote by City leaders in April to raise stipend levels.

Rockville's Compensation Commission met in recent months to review and prepare a recommendation to the Mayor and Council regarding the stipends that the Mayor and Councilmembers receive for their service. The commission meets every other year and is required to make a recommendation by March 31 of an election year.

The commission recommended that the Mayor and Council's compensation should be increased to \$26,581 for the mayor and \$21,265 for each councilmember for fiscal years 2015 and 2016. The increase is tied to the positive change in the Washington-

Baltimore consumer price index. The Mayor and Council considered this recommendation at their April 8th meeting, and voted to approve the commission's recommendation. This increase to the stipend levels could take effect after the next City election in November but is dependent on the Mayor and Council funding the increases in any given budget year.

The current Mayor and Council may choose to fund increases approved in 2011 for the fiscal year 2014 budget for the year that begins on July 1, which have been unfunded to date. Future Mayor and Councils may fund the FY15 and FY16 recommended increases in the coming fiscal years as part of the annual budget process.

For more information on the commission's work, contact the City Clerk's Office at 240-314-8280. ✚



Federal Highway Administration money is supporting improvements at local Metro stations.

Rockville Works to Secure Federal Funding

Rockville officials and the City's lobbyist, Holland Knight, have been working on plans to secure federal funding for the City's 2013 priorities.

In April, Mayor Phyllis Marcuccio, Councilmember Bridget Newton, City Manager Barb Matthews and Assistant to the City Manager Linda Moran met with the City's federal delegation on Capitol Hill to discuss the City's federal funding needs and policy priorities.

A recent federal funding success was the August 2012 award of \$827,000 in Federal Highway Administration funds for pedestrian and bicycle improvements near the Rockville and Twinbrook Metro stations.

Rockville's 2013 priority funding requests include:

- **Police technology upgrade** – \$2,765,000 to be shared equally among the four municipal police departments in Rockville, Gaithersburg, Takoma Park and the Village of Chevy Chase for upgraded equipment to be used in a regional radio communications system in coordination

with the County's modernized system

- **Bridge rehabilitation program** – \$500,000 to enhance the City's comprehensive bridge inspection and rehabilitation program
- **Sanitary sewer rehabilitation improvements** – \$3 mil. to pay for the construction of four miles of Rockville sanitary sewer rehabilitation
- **Stormwater system renovation project** – \$13.8 mil. to fund studies and designs and the construction of stormwater management facilities, stream restoration and storm drain conveyance projects
- **Gude Drive multi-modal infrastructure project** – \$3.5 mil. to implement a comprehensive upgrade to infrastructure on two sections of Gude Drive owned and maintained by Rockville.

For more information on the work of City staff and lobbyists to secure federal funding, contact Linda Moran, assistant to the city manager, at 240-314-8115 or lmoran@rockvillemd.gov. ✚



ARBOR DAY 2013... The City celebrated Arbor Day with a Tree Planting Ceremony at College Gardens Elementary School on April 23. Two trees were planted by Girl Scout Troop #5869 and CGES's fifth-grade class. The City of Rockville was honored as a Tree City USA for the 24th consecutive year. (L to R) Councilmember Mark Pierzchala, presenter Tod Ericson, with the Maryland Dept. of Natural Resources, Councilmembers Tom Moore and Bridget Donnell Newton and Mayor Phyllis Marcuccio.

MEETINGS & DROP IN SCHEDULE

All general sessions, work sessions and public hearings are televised on Rockville Channel 11, and are available on streaming video at www.rockvillemd.gov. Residents may comment on any subject for up to three minutes during the "Citizens Forum" portion at most meetings. Meetings are at 7 p.m. and are subject to change.

- **May 6** (Monday)
- **May 13** (Monday)
- **May 20** (Monday)
- **June 3** (Monday)
- **June 10** (Monday)
- **June 17** (Monday)

The Mayor and one Councilmember are available to meet with residents for drop-in discussions from 5:30-6:30 p.m. one Monday per month in the Mayor and Council office at City Hall. No appointment is necessary, but a call to the City Clerk's Office is appreciated, call 240-314-8280. Along with Mayor Marcuccio, the councilmember scheduled is: Mark Pierzchala on May 13; John F. Hall, Jr. on June 10.

IN BRIEF

Rockville Seeks Volunteers for Financial Advisory Board

The City of Rockville is currently seeking volunteers to serve on the City's newly established Financial Advisory Board.

The five-member board will advise the Mayor and Council regarding financial matters, including the review of current financial policies, procedures, and documents relating to City finances. The Financial Advisory Board was established in February.

Members will be appointed to three year terms by the mayor, subject to confirmation by the council.

Examples of board duties include:

- Annual review of the City's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) and the City's Financial Management Policies
- Review of the City's quarterly financial reports to assess whether spending and revenue collection are tracking with adopted and amended budgets
- Review and evaluation of the financial consequences of a program or proposal
- Review and report on such matters as bonding requests or the practices and/or policies of other jurisdictions.

All members shall demonstrate experience directly in or related to finance or accounting. Board members will be able to read and understand governmental financial statements sufficiently to be able to recognize inconsistencies and report on variances that require explanation and reporting to the Mayor and Council.

Those interested in serving on the Board should submit an expression of interest form and a resume to the City Clerk's Office, 111 Maryland Ave, Rockville, MD 20850. The Expression of Interest Form is available at www.rockvillemd.gov/government/commissions/InterestForm.pdf.

For more information about the Financial Advisory Board, contact the City Clerk's Office at 240-314-8280.

Retention of License Plate Recognition Data Up for Discussion

The March 11 Mayor and Council meeting included a discussion on License Plate Recognition (LPR) in response to questions and concerns that Councilmember Tom Moore raised in late winter.

The City of Rockville received three LPR systems through a fiscal year 2008 Homeland Security Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) grant from the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments. Rockville's LPR system was implemented in 2009.

The Rockville City Police Department (RCPD) utilizes the LPR system for crime analysis and investigation, such as stolen vehicles, stolen tags, and wanted and missing persons, and Homeland Security functions. This technology serves as a tool to quickly scan vehicles without having to disrupt the flow of traffic while ensuring drivers are in compliance.

RCPD retains LPR information for 30 days and

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Planning Commission to Host Final Evening of Rockville Pike Plan Public Hearings

Rockville's Planning Commission is collecting final comments on the update to the Rockville Pike Plan, which governs land use and transportation on a busy two-mile stretch of the Pike, and on zoning revisions that would implement some of the plan policies.

Members of the public testified in March and April. A final public hearing will be held at 7 p.m. on May 22, with written testimony accepted through May 31. The commission is expected to finalize their draft of the plan in early summer and forward it on to the Mayor and Council for their consideration.

The plan seeks to create a place of pride for the City along the Pike by improving the experience for residents, businesses and visitors. A key goal is improve all modes of transportation – for drivers, pedestrians, bicyclists and transit riders. Other central features are to maintain economic viability of the corridor while ensuring that development is supported by high-quality and sufficient public services and facilities; adding parkland; and improving the appearance of the corridor.

When the plan reaches the Mayor and Council, that body will hold a public hearing and discuss the plan in the context of the testimony they receive.

Read the draft plan on the City's website at www.rockvillemd.gov/rockvillespike. To submit written comments about the draft plan to the Planning Commission or to sign up to testify at the Planning Commission public hearing, contact Cindy Kebba at ckebba@rockvillemd.gov or by mail at Rockville City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave., Rockville, MD 20850.

For more information, call Cindy Kebba in the Community Planning and Development Services department at 240-314-8233.



Rockville works in concert with Montgomery County and the State of Maryland to maintain roads in the City.

Rockville Streets to be Repaved

The City of Rockville will be repaving more than 80 street segments as part of ongoing efforts to maintain and improve the community's infrastructure. Rockville streets are evaluated and maintained through the annual asphalt maintenance program, and the City is currently preparing for asphalt repaving in the coming summer months.

Preliminary work began in April; major resurfacing operations are scheduled to begin about July 8 and all work should be completed by Sept. 30.

The following neighborhoods will be affected by the upcoming repaving work: King Farm, College Gardens, Woodley Gardens, Rockshire, Twinbrook, Rose Hill, Burgundy Estates and Montrose. For a full list of each street scheduled to be repaved, go online to www.rockvillemd.gov/publicworks.

Normal work hours will be Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. on secondary streets and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on major streets. The schedule is affected by weather and may change without notice.

Residents will be notified by a variety of resources as the work approaches. Roads will generally remain open to traffic with individual lane closures moving along with the progress of the work. Temporary full stoppages of traffic are necessary for safety but should have minimal impact on traffic.

Signs will be placed on major roads to notify drivers of potential traffic impacts and closures when necessary. Temporary no parking signs will also be posted along affected streets. There will be very minimal temporary impacts to pedestrian traffic.

For more information contact Dan Stevens at 240-314-8552 or dstevens@rockvillemd.gov.

In The Community

Upper Rock Development Project Moves Forward New Construction Anticipated Along City's Northern Border

A relatively new development with housing and office space might catch your attention if you look on the south side of Shady Grove Road toward the northern border of King Farm.

The Upper Rock development began construction after the Mayor and Council approved it in 2005. A new phase of construction to create 127 dwelling units will start soon, as the City's Community Planning and Development Services department issued building permits in recent months.

The 19.8-acre property is part of the Danac Technological Park, and is bounded by Shady Grove Road to the west, Choke Cherry Road to the north, Piccard Drive and the King Farm development to

the east and Interstate 270 to the south. It was developed in the 1960s and 70s and originally housed a Kodak processing laboratory building on the rear portion of the site (which has since been demolished). Two existing office buildings on the site are located at 1 and 5 Choke Cherry Road.

Upper Rock's new construction that has already been completed includes two buildings with a total of 275 dwelling units (a mixture of one- and two-bedroom spaces). Another block is under construction and will have 149 dwelling units.

For more information on the Upper Rock project, contact Cas Chasten, a City project planner, at 240-314-8223. ✚

City Recognizes National Building Safety Month

Sponsored by the International Code Council (ICC), National Building Safety Month in May is a chance to improve public awareness about what it takes to create and maintain safe and sustainable structures in a community.

The City's Inspection Services Division, located within the Community Planning and Development Services Department, is responsible for permitting, enforcement of the City building and fire codes and overall building safety in Rockville.

Aaron Smith, the City's Fire Marshal, stresses that the division practices building

safety all year long, but the month is a good chance to take a closer look at grilling safety and summer storm prep.

National Building Safety Month focuses on four areas:

- Fire Safety and Awareness
- Disaster Safety and Mitigation
- Backyard and Pool Safety
- Energy and Green Building

For more information about the City's Inspection Services Division or building safety in the City, go online to www.rockvillemd.gov/isd. ✚

Legislators Wrap Up

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The legislation would have required local governments with programs to switch from contracts with vendor payments based on the number of issued or paid citations to contracts based on flat/tiered fee. It also called for a 15-day warning period when a speed camera is

moved or placed in a new location and other changes to the statewide speed camera program. The issue may return in future legislative sessions.

For more information on state legislative issues contact Linda Moran in the City Manager's Office at 240-314-8115 or lmoran@rockvillemd.gov. ✚



Sustainable design features at the new Swim Center bath house (shown under construction) have incorporated day lighting techniques, durable low-maintenance building materials, and light colored roofing materials with high solar reflectance.

Major Improvements Coming to Three City Facilities

Remodeling, renovating and construction projects underway at three Rockville facilities are expected to wrap up this spring. Here's a recap of the projects:

Lincoln Park Community Center, 357 Frederick Ave.

The City is renovating LPCC's gymnasium by installing new flooring with lines for basketball, volleyball and badminton. The gym will have new movable basketball backboards, scoreboard and doors.

Elsewhere in the building, workers are removing old carpet and installing new tile. The fitness room, gym, computer lab and showers are getting new paint. The fitness room will also have a new ventilation system, and new lighting is being installed throughout the building.

The improvements are being paid for with an investment of \$115,000 from the City's Capital Improvements Program (CIP).

"We are really excited about the changes we are making here at LPCC, and the community is excited and well deserving of the improvements and changes," said Center Supervisor Yvette Yeboah.

Senior Center, 1150 Carnation Drive

Improvements at the Senior Center in 2013 are focusing on the original wing of the building, a former elementary school.

New flooring (carpet or tile) is being installed in the game room, computer lab, card room, board room, dining room, sun room, art room, azalea room, lounge and kitchen. Those rooms are also getting a fresh coat of paint.

The game room is being renovated to improve space to play table tennis and billiards. Center staff is planning an installation on art and decorations in the center's hallways and rooms.

The renovations at the Senior Center total \$51,530 for new flooring and \$3,000 on painting, which was allocated in the fiscal year 2013 CIP budget.

Terri Hilton, manager of the Senior Services Division in the Recreation and Parks Department, said the renovation shows the City taking pride in the community and its facilities.

"We are doing this because we care about our members and our citizens and we want them to have the best," Hilton said.

Swim Center, 355 Martins Ln.

At the Rockville Swim and Fitness Center, one of the City's most heavily-trafficked facilities, the City demolished an aging bath house last year and is putting the finishing touches on a new 5,000 square foot bath house, set to open Memorial Day weekend.

The bath house has separate men's and women's changing areas, bathrooms and showers, as well as a family changing room and outdoor showers. It meets the latest building code and accessibility requirements, and allows for day lighting and openness with its perceived floating roof structure. The bath house will have a new security system and design that minimizes noise between areas.

The project cost of \$1.1 million was funded mostly in the FY12 CIP, and included a \$200,000 grant from the State of Maryland in FY13. ✚

News You Can Use

City Offers Summer Camps from June 17-Aug. 19

Rockville families don't have to go far to enjoy some of the best camps in the area.

Kids of all ages can enjoy a wide variety of exciting and fun camps right in their own back yard. Try one of the general recreation camps that include swimming, games, field trips, arts and crafts and

more with an emphasis on fun. Try something new such as dance, baseball, art, sports, science, math and more at one of our specialty camps. There is something for everyone at Rockville's summer camps.

Among the offerings this summer is a Skateboarding Camp, for kids age six to 14. Kids will join Rockville's

crew as they learn to push, ride, ollie, kick-flip, grind and drop-in. Skate park etiquette and safety will be a priority. Skaters must bring a skateboard, helmet, knee and elbow pads, wrist guards and a water bottle. (Weekly sessions run from June 24 – August 16, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.)

For added convenience,

most camps offer bus transportation and before and after care. Value, quality and experience combine to make a great summer for you and your family.

For more information or to register, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/recreation/guide/camp13 or call 240-314-8620. ✦

Summer Playgrounds Bring the Fun to Your Neighborhood

Rockville organizes a supervised drop-in recreation program at playgrounds throughout the City from June 24 to Aug. 1.

Eleven locations will be open from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. weekdays and staffed with experienced, fun and creative leaders that ensure a great time for all who attend.

The Rockville Summer Playgrounds program has been a staple summertime activity for generations. Many leaders were playground participants, so they work hard at making their site a great place to be.

Sports, crafts, special events and nature activities afford an opportunity to be active and outdoors for six weeks of the summer. Children can enjoy swimming, tennis, bowling or a trip

to Six Flags as optional extras.

For locations, registration and fee information visit www.rockvillemd.gov/recreation/playgrounds.html or call 240-314-8620. Registration starts May 9. ✦



www.rockvillemd.gov/recreation/guide/summercamps.htm • 240-314-8620

Planning Commission Approves Twinbrook Redevelopment Project

The Planning Commission voted to approve a site plan for a redevelopment of a 4.2-acre site near the Twinbrook Metro station on Rockville Pike in March.

The site is the current location of Fuddruckers, Pier One, Just Tires and other businesses at the intersection of Chapman Avenue, Halpine Road and Rockville Pike. The project calls for 407 multi-family residential units, 19,000 square feet of retail space, 9,000 square feet of restaurant space, a 44,000 square foot health club and 140,000 square feet of office space.

The site plan approval by the Planning Commission requires the developer to start

construction within two years.

For more information on the project, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/government/commissions/pc and read the staff report from the March 13 Planning Commission meeting or call Jeremy Hurlbutt, a City planner, at 240-314-8227. ✦

LEARN MORE ON CHANNEL 11

Watch the City of Rockville's cable channel for all your up-to-date City news at www.youtube.com/cityofrockville

Election Packets and Parade Registration Available in May

The City of Rockville's 2013 election is Tuesday, Nov. 5, when residents will vote to choose a mayor and four councilmembers.

Candidate Election Information Packets, with information on how to become an official candidate, when to appoint a campaign treasurer, what reports to file, and all the rules and regulations governing candidates and the campaign are available at City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave., starting Wednesday, May 1. The packet will also be available online at www.rockvillemd.gov/election13.



Official candidates interested in participating in the City's annual Memorial Day parade must register by May 15 by calling 240-314-8601.

For more information on the election process and to view a detailed election calendar, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/election13.

Register to vote at City Hall, local libraries, or the Montgomery County Board of Elections, 18753 North Frederick Ave., Gaithersburg. The voter registration form can be downloaded at www.montgomerycountymd.gov/elections. ✦

IN AND AROUND ROCKVILLE



City vehicles like this one and others will be available for children and adults to explore at the Equipment Show.

Celebrate National Public Works Week

Community Invited to Equipment Show on May 23

The City of Rockville and the American Public Works Association (APWA) are celebrating National Public Works Week from Monday, May 20, to Friday, May 24.

Rockville will host a free event for the community to see large public works equipment at the Equipment Show on Thursday, May 23, 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The event will be at the Rockville Swim and Fitness Center outdoor pool parking lot, 355 Martins Ln.

Meet Rockville's public works staff and get up close and personal with recycling and refuse trucks, earth moving equipment and other machinery at the show. There will be balloons, popcorn, water and coloring books for children, who will be able to climb on the equipment and machinery.

The Department of Public Works (DPW) provides for the acquisition, construction, operation and maintenance of the City's infrastructure to provide transportation, water, sewage disposal, stormwater management, recycling and refuse, fleet services, environmental management and similar services.

DPW is comprised of seven divisions, all dedicated to serving Rockville to make the community safe, clean and sustainable:

- Management and Support
- Construction Management
- Traffic and Transportation
- Engineering
- Environmental Management
- Operations and Maintenance
- Fleet Services

For more information, visit the City's website at www.rockvillemd.gov/publicworks.

High School Students of Rockville Invited to Participate in Leadership Training

Human Rights Commission Will Host a One-Day Workshop

The City of Rockville's Human Rights Commission presents Building Bridges in a Diverse Society, a Diversity Leadership Workshop. This dynamic, one-day workshop is designed as an experiential and highly participatory day of sharing and learning.

Students who participate will walk away with the skills and tools needed to recognize and intervene in situations of alienation and discrimination. Students will also develop awareness of diverse populations.

The workshop is open for high school-age students living in Rockville and/or attending a City of Rockville high school (Richard Montgomery, Wootton and Rockville), and for students of Montgomery College. Enrollment is limited to 30 MCPS students and 30 Montgomery College students. Student Service Learning opportunities will be available.

The workshop is free and will be held in the Mayor and Council Chambers of Rockville City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave., on May 18 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Light refreshments will be provided.

For more information or to register, call Janet Kelly, human rights and community mediation administrator, at 240-314-8316. For questions about accessibility, call the Americans with Disabilities Coordinator at 240-314-8108.

Rockville City Police Officers Continue to Support Special Olympics Maryland

Officers of the Rockville City Police Department are participating in the 27th Law Enforcement Torch Run to benefit Special Olympics Maryland and they are seeking donations.

On May 29, officers from around Montgomery County's various law enforcement agencies will run in the Montgomery County leg of the run. The final leg will take place at Towson University, where officers from Rockville will be running in the Special Olympics "Flame of Hope" for the opening ceremonies for the 43rd Anniversary Summer Games.

In the past four years, the Rockville City Police Department has raised more than \$18,000 for Special Olympics Maryland. This includes the \$4,200 the officers raised at this past year's Polar Bear Plunge; K-9 Officer Boomer raised \$2,600 through his own personal donations web page.

Corporal Chris Day will be selling Torch Run shirts and hats of all sizes for \$10. The proceeds will benefit Special Olympics Maryland. You can also make a donation.

If you would like to purchase a shirt or hat, or make a donation, email Chris Day at cday@rockvillemd.gov. To learn more about the Rockville City Police Department, go online to www.rockvillemd.gov/police.

Sister City Thanks Peony Donors

The Rockville Sister City Corporation will honor the donors of peony plants given last year to a garden commemorating Rockville's growing friendship with Jiaying, China.

Nelson and Jane Hsu care for extensive peony gardens at their home in Germantown and donated 100 peony plants to the City of Rockville for a new peony garden on the grounds of Glenview Mansion. The garden was dedicated in November when a delegation of community members from Jiaying visited Rockville.



Nelson and Jane Hsu honored Rockville's friendship with Jiaying, China with their peony donation.

RSCC will honor the couple at a gathering on Saturday, May 11 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Croydon Creek Nature Center, 852 Avery Rd. The public is invited to attend; please RSVP by May 6 at rockvillesistercities@gmail.com or by calling 301-230-0890.

The plants were imported from China more than 40 years ago, and Ms. Hsu's sister is a current resident of Jiaying. The Hsus decided to donate the plants as a symbol of friendship between Rockville and Jiaying.

Peonies bloom in spring and summer so be sure to stop by the new garden at Glenview Mansion, 603 Edmonston Dr., to enjoy them this year.

Swim Safe this Summer

Water Safety Day, May 31

As you and your family prepare to beat the heat with a day at the pool this summer, don't forget to stay safe! Learn all about staying safe at the pool or lake at Water Safety Day, happening Friday, May 31, from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. The free swimming event will take place at the Gaithersburg Water Park, 512 S. Frederick Ave., Gaithersburg. Food will be available for purchase.

There will be presentations every half hour where you can learn about:

- How to prevent drowning
- Proper use of life jackets
- Water rescue skills
- Skin cancer prevention
- Swim lessons (evaluations offered)

The event is co-sponsored by the City of Rockville, the City of Gaithersburg and Montgomery County.

For more information, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/swimcenter.

Arts & Entertainment

Discover Art in Public Places

Rockville residents can be on the lookout for new art around the city.

The works of art are a part of the City's Art in Public Places program, which was established in 1978 to enhance the physical environment of Rockville and to promote the general welfare of its citizens.

Harry McDaniel of Asheville, N.C. installed "Flourish" at the Rockville Senior Center in March. This kinetic sculpture is composed of two curving tree-like sections that appear to collide with each other while in motion only to glide safely past each other in actuality.

If you're in Rockville Town Square, be sure to look up while in the plaza for artist Craig Kraft's neon sculpture: "Crossroads: Rockville Past, Present & Future." The artwork uses light to illuminate its modernistic approach to symbolize Rockville's optimism and growth into the future.

Keeping the theme of "Public Service" in mind, artist David Hess designed artwork near the new maintenance facility at Gude Drive to be installed in

early May. The stainless steel sculpture is meant to suggest a heroic image of the facility's trucks that service the people of Rockville. Hess's artwork is meant to be dramatic, precarious and even toy-like.



Visitors to the Senior Center will be able to spot "Flourish," one of the newest installations for the City's Art in Public Places program.

As part of a longer initiative, Art in Public Places is looking for submissions from all artists for an exterior work of art to be installed on the façade of the new Rockville police station. The artwork should reflect the theme of public service and public safety. The deadline to submit work is May 31; the approved artwork is projected to be installed in June 2014.

For more information on submitting an application for the Police station site, contact Betty Wisda at 240-314-8681 or email bwisda@rockvillemd.gov.

Fifty works of art have been permanently installed at public sites in Rockville, ranging from neighborhood parks to right-of-ways at City gateways under this ongoing program. To learn more, go online to www.rockvillemd.gov/aipp.



The 446-seat F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre has been a City cultural hot spot for decades.

Start Your Summer with a Show at the Theater

The Tempest, Songs of Hope and Freedom on Tap

Summer nights are fast approaching. Spend your evenings watching talented performers at the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre in Rockville Civic Center Park, 603 Edmonston Dr.

Be sure to save the dates for these great performances in the neighborhood:

- Rockville Little Theatre entertains with Shakespeare's comedy *The Tempest*, May 3 and May 4 at 8 p.m. and May 5 at 2 p.m.
- Potomac Valley Youth Orchestra presents two Spring Concerts on May 11
- Dawn Crafton Dance's production *Dance Concert '13* will be at the theatre from May 16 through May 19
- The Rockville Chorus will perform on Sunday, May 19, at 7:30 p.m. Under the direction of Bryan Seith, the theme of this free per-

formance is "Songs of Hope and Freedom."

- The Rockville Regional Youth Orchestra will be holding its spring performance on Tuesday, May 28 at 7:30 p.m. The concert is free and concertgoers can enjoy punch and cookies after the performance.
- The Victorian Lyric Opera Company presents the comedic production of Victor Herbert's *The Red Mill*. Shows will run Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays from June 7 through June 16, with a discounted preview performance on Thursday, June 6.

For more details on these performances and upcoming shows, go online to www.rockvillemd.gov/theatre or call 240-314-8690.

Free Exhibits Featured at the Glenview Mansion Art Gallery

The Glenview Mansion Art Gallery at Rockville Civic Center Park, 603 Edmonston Dr., will host two free shows in May and June.

The annual Rockville Art League Juried Members' show will run from May 5 through May 28, with an opening reception on Sunday, May 5, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. The exhibit opening will also feature the Rockville Singers for the Sunday Afternoon Concert Series from 2 to 3 p.m.

The Rockville Art League (RAL) was formed by a group of professional and amateur artists in 1957 to promote the development of the fine arts within its membership and community. The May exhibit will be judged by Jack

Rasmussen, who is currently the director and curator of the American University Museum at the Katzen Arts Center in Washington, D.C.

In June, drop by the gallery to view the work of Jacqui Crocetta (acrylic on canvas) and Janet Wheeler (mixed media, *Nests with a twist*). The June exhibit will run from June 2 through June 25, with an opening reception with the artists on Sunday, June 2, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. For the Sunday Afternoon Concert Series on June 2 at 2 p.m., enjoy songs of power and emotion from the Washington, D.C.-based, all-female capella group, Capital Blend.

Admission to the gallery is free. Gallery hours are Monday, Wednesday



**HEALTH FAIR
Rockville Senior
Center
Wednesday, May 29
11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.**

Find out the latest health information, enjoy healthy snacks, take part in screenings for blood pressure, hearing, balance, vision or fitness, and more.



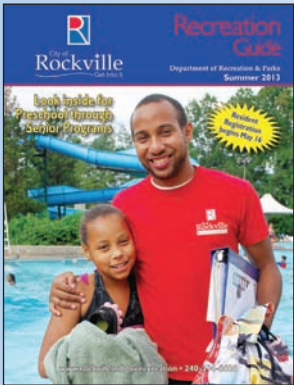
Artist Janet Wheeler's "Nests with a twist" is at May's free exhibit.

and Friday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Tuesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. and closed on official City holidays. The Glenview Mansion Art Gallery is wheelchair accessible.

For more information about these exhibits or other monthly shows, visit the City's website at www.rockvillemd.gov/arts or contact Julie Farrell at 240-314-8682 or jfarrell@rockvillemd.gov.

FACILITIES ADDRESSES
AND PHONE NUMBERS

- **Glenview Mansion Art Gallery** **GM**, Rockville Civic Center Park, 603 Edmonston Drive
- **F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre** **FSF**, Rockville Civic Center Park, 603 Edmonston Drive
- **Croydon Creek Nature Center** **CC**, Rockville Civic Center Park, 852 Avery Road. Note: Registration required, register online at www.rockvillemd.gov or call 240-314-8770.
- **Rockville Senior Center** **SR**, 1150 Carnation Drive. Call 240-314-8800.
- **Rockville City Hall** **CH**, 111 Maryland Ave. Call 240-314-5000.



Rockville offers a variety of classes and programs each season. Find something that interests you at www.rockvillemd.gov and click on recreation registration on the right side.

May

- 3,4,5 Rockville Little Theatre Presents The Tempest** Enjoy Shakespeare's comedy with shows May 3 and 4 at 8 p.m. and May 5 at 2 p.m. For more info.: www.rockvillemd.gov/theatre or call 240-314-8690. **FSF**
- 4 Bike Month Kick-Off Ride** See page 2 for information.
- 4 Adult Tennis Tournament** Starts Saturday, May 4, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Rockville tennis courts; finals take place Saturday, May 18, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more info.: www.rockvillemd.gov/recreation/sports.
- 4 Teens Late Night Saturday** It's party time for teens in grades six through eight at

May-June Calendar

RES = Residents • NR = Non Residents • MEM = Member • NM = Non Member

the Thomas Farm Community Center, 700 Falls Grove Dr. The center is open late so teens can hang out with friends, play games and more! Refreshments will be sold. Course #42727. Fee at the door, beginning at 6:30 p.m., \$10 R/\$15 NR.

5-28 Glenview Mansion Art Gallery Exhibit The annual Rockville Art League Juried Members' show opens with a reception on Sunday, May 5, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. See page 6 for more information.

7,14,21,28 Evening King Farm Rides See page 2 for information.

9, June 12 Orientation to RWBC Resources Learn about programs available at the Rockville Women's Business Center (RWBC) and other resources. 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. at RWBC, 95 Monroe St. FREE.

9, June 12 ABC's of Starting a Business Learn the steps to start a business and about the many resources available to support you. At RWBC, 95 Monroe St., 6 to 9:30 p.m. \$10.

11,18,25 Saturday Farmers Market Shop the best in local food from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the parking lot at the corner of Route 28 and Monroe Street. See page 8 for more details.

11 Ten-and-Under Tennis Tournament Kid-sized courts, nets, rackets and low compression balls from 1 to 5 p.m. at City tennis courts. The divisions are (5 to 6 years), (7 to 8 years), and (9 to 10 years). Course #42691; \$25 R/\$30 NR. For more info.: www.rockvillemd.gov/recreation/sports.

11 Royal Tea Party (Adult/Child) Princesses, princes and their royal families are invited to celebrate Mother's Day weekend at our annual Royal Tea Party event from 2 to 4 p.m. at Thomas Farm Community Center, 700 Falls Grove Dr. Course #42165; \$10 R/\$12 NR (each person) Children must come with an adult family member or friend. Ages 2 and up.

16 Annual Ride of Silence See page 2 for information.

17 50+ Employment Expo Attend this career fair from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. FREE to both attendees and recruiters. Rockville Economic Development, Inc. (REDI) will present a panel on entrepreneurship. Marriott North Bethesda Hotel, 5701 Marinelli Rd. For more info.: visit www.rockvilleredi.org.

18 Kids to Parks Day The National Parks Trust and the City of Rockville's Recreation and Parks Department invite everyone to celebrate Kids to Parks Day from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Spend time outdoors enjoying the John Hayes Forest Preserve. All ages. FREE **CC**

19 Croydon Creek Nature Center Creek Cleanup 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. Gloves and bags are provided. Time working is eligible for SSL hours. Students 14 years and younger must be accompanied by an adult. No registration required. FREE. **CC**

19 Rockville Chorus Performance The theme of this performance is "Songs of Hope and Freedom." 7:30 p.m. For more info.: www.rockvillemd.gov/theatre. FREE. **FSF**

28 Rockville Regional Youth Orchestra Performance Watch the RRYO's Spring Performance at 7:30 p.m. For more info.: www.rockvillemd.gov/theatre. FREE. **FSF**

29 Health Fair Senior Center, 1150 Carnation Dr., 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. See page 6 for more information. **SR**

30 Nature Tots – Meadow Adventure Spend time with your child discovering the wonders of nature. Dress for the weather. All children must be accompanied by an adult. 10 to 11:30 a.m. Space is limited (Course #43021). Ages 2-5. **CC**

30, June 27 QuickBooks Online Training Learn how to use QuickBooks Online to pay bills, process invoices, work with bank accounts and track the

financial performance of your business. At RWBC, 95 Monroe St., 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Laptops to borrow, or bring your own. Cost: \$75.

31 Water Safety Day See page 6 for information.

June

1,8,15,22,29 Saturday Farmers Market Enjoy farm-fresh produce, flowers, and other treats. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. See page 8 for more details.

1 Croydon Creek Campfire – Nighttime Insects Gather around the campfire with your friends for stories, snacks and more. An adult must accompany children. Bring a blanket or lawn chairs. 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. Course #43053. All ages. **CC**

2-25 Glenview Mansion Art Gallery Exhibit View the work of Jacqui Crocetta (acrylic on canvas) and Janet Wheeler (mixed media, Nests with a twist). See page 6 for more details.

4,11,18,25 Evening King Farm Rides See page 2 for information.

4-July 9 Second and Third Grade Summer Basketball League – Boys deadline to register (May 9). 2nd and 3rd graders can get ready to hit the courts of Broome Gym, 751 Twinbrook Pkwy. Tuesdays, June 4 to July 9. Course #42686. \$60 R/\$70 NR.

5-July 10 Second and Third Grade Summer Basketball League – Girls show off their basketball skills. Wednesdays, June 5 to July 10 at Twinbrook Community Recreation Center, 12920 Twinbrook Parkway. Course #42687. \$60 R/\$70 NR.

5,12,19,26 Wednesday Farmers Market Stop by Rockville town center, East Montgomery Avenue, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. See page 8 for more information.

7 Hooray for Homeschoolers – Insects Learn all about

insects from 1 to 3 p.m. There are between 10 and 30 million insect species on earth. Try netting insects in the meadow. Course #43025. Ages: 8 to 14 **CC**

7-16 Victorian Lyric Opera Company Production The comedic production of Victor Herbert's The Red Mill will run Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays from June 7 through June 16. **FSF**

15 Saturday Story and Hike Stop by the Nature Center on Saturday morning for story time and a hike from 10 to 11 a.m. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Ages 2-5. Course #43029. **CC**

17-21 School's Out Participate in sports and games, arts and crafts and a field trip. Monday - Friday, June 17 to 21, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Course #42334. Ages: 5 to 13; Cost: \$129 R/\$149 NR

28 Men's Futsal League Futsal, a 5-a-side soccer league, at Twinbrook Community Recreation Center, 12920 Twinbrook Pkwy. Minimum seven players/team. Games 40 mins. Eight to ten week season (dependent on registration). Fridays, 7:30 to 11 p.m. starting June 28. Register by June 17. \$49 R/\$59 NR. For more information: www.rockvillemd.gov/recreation/sports.

29 The Civil War Comes to Rockville See page 8 for information.

Boards and Commissions

Meetings are held at City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave., unless otherwise noted.

May 1, June 5 Rockville Bike Advisory Committee 7 p.m. Meets the first Wednesday of the month.

May 2, June 6 Environment Commission 7:30 p.m. Meets the first Thursday of the month.

May 8, 22, June 12, 26 Planning Commission 7 p.m. Meets the second and fourth Wednesday of the

For the most up-to-date event listings visit www.rockvillemd.gov or sign up for the E-Letter: Just click on "subscribe to news" on the left side of the home page, enter your name and email, and choose City Events.

month. Meetings are televised on Rockville 11.

May 11, June 8 Board of Appeals 9:30 a.m. Meets the second Saturday of the month.

May 14, June 11 Human Services Advisory Commission 7:30 p.m. Meets the second Tuesday of the month.

May 15, June 19 Rockville Housing Enterprises Board Meets the third Wednesday of the month, 6:30 p.m. at 621A Southlawn Ln.

May 16, June 20 Senior Commission Meeting Monthly meetings at 1 p.m. are open to all members of the Rockville Senior Center.

May 16, June 27 Recreation and Parks Advisory Board 7 p.m. The June 27 meeting will take a tour of the parks and facilities.

May 16, June 20 Historic District Commission 7:30 p.m. Meets the third Thursday of the month. Meetings are televised on Rockville 11.

May 21, June 18 Rockville Seniors, Inc. Meets the third Tuesday of the month at 1 p.m. at the Rockville Senior Center, 1150 Carnation Dr.

May 22 Sign Review Board 9 a.m. Meets every six weeks. Remaining 2013 dates are: July 3, Aug. 14, Sept. 25, Nov. 6 and Dec. 18.

May 28, June 25 Traffic and Transportation Commission 7 p.m. Meets the fourth Tuesday of the month.

Vacancies

To learn more about any board or commission, call the City Clerk's Office at 240-314-8280 or go to www.rockvillemd.gov. The City is seeking applicants for:

- Board of Appeals (1)
- Financial Advisory Board (5)
- Historic District Commission (1)
- Human Services Advisory Commission (1)
- Human Rights Commission (2)
- Landlord Tenant Affairs Commission (1)
- Planning Commission (1)

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Citizen Survey Results

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improvements in ratings for drinking water quality, snow and ice removal, ease of travel by car and street sweeping. Rockville's highest-rated services are recycling and refuse collection, appearance of City parks and services to youth (summer camps/programs, childcare, teen activities, sports).

The results also indicated some opportunities for improvement. In particular, the "availability of affordable housing" is an ongoing concern for Rockville residents.

The City of Rockville elects to have the Citizen Survey results compared to other jurisdictions across the nation, a practice known as benchmark-

ing. Rockville scores were compared to 419 other jurisdictions, and more than 80% were "much above" or "above" the norm.

Learn more about the Citizen Survey by contacting Louise Atkins, council support specialist, at 240-314-8106 or latkins@rockvillemd.gov. ✚

Resultados de la Encuesta Semestral de Ciudadanos

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- 87% calificaron la "calidad de vida general de su vecindario" como excelente o buena
- 89% calificaron a "Rockville lugar para criar a los niños" como excelente

- o bueno
- 87% calificaron la "calidad general e los servicios en Rockville" como excelentes o buenos

Este año, los resultados de la encuesta demostraron mejoras sustanciales en los puntajes de calidad del agua potable, retiro de nieve y hielo, facilidad de transporte en automóvil y barrido de calles. Los servicios de la Ciudad que recibieron puntajes más altos fueron reciclado y recolección de residuos, apariencia de los parques y servicios para jóvenes de la Ciudad (campamentos de verano/programas, cuidado de niños, actividades para adolescentes, deportes).

Los resultados también indican algunas oportunidades para realizar mejoras. En particular, la "disponibilidad de

viviendas asequibles" es una preocupación continua para los residentes de Rockville.

La Ciudad de Rockville desea que los resultados de la Encuesta se comparen con otras jurisdicciones en toda la nación, una práctica que se conoce como benchmarking (establecimiento de patrones de referencia). Se compararon los puntajes de Rockville con los de otras 419 jurisdicciones y más del 80% estuvieron "muy por encima" o "encima" de la norma.

Los residentes que quieran saber más sobre la encuesta de Ciudadanos pueden ponerse en contacto con Louise Atkins, especialista de soporte del consejo, al 240-314-8106 o latkins@rockvillemd.gov. ✚



Spend Your Wednesdays and Saturdays at Rockville's Farmers Market

Enjoy Farm-Fresh Produce, Flowers, and Other Treats

Stop by the Rockville Farmers Market for the best in local produce throughout the spring, summer and fall.

The Saturday Farmers Market opens just in time for Mother's Day on Saturday, May 11. The Saturday market is held weekly from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. through Nov. 23 in the parking lot at the corner of Route 28 and Monroe Street.

The Wednesday Farmers Market opens on June 5, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Rockville town center along East Montgomery Avenue. The Wednesday market will run weekly through Sept. 25.

The markets provide customers an opportunity to purchase farm-fresh locally-grown produce, cheese, meats, baked goods, flowers and more.

The market is a proud participant in Eat Fresh Maryland, a program designed to expand access to fresh fruits and vegetables for low-income residents. Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) cards are accepted at the Saturday market. EBT card users can use their card on eligible items such as fruits, vegetables, and meats. Card holders can also get up to \$10 of matching EBT funds each week at the Saturday market.

For more information on the Rockville Farmers Market, go online to www.rockvillemd.gov/farmers. "Like" the market's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/RockvilleFarmersMarket for the latest updates.

License Plate Recognition

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is part of the Montgomery County Mobile Data Terminal (MDT). There is no central repository file used during this 30-day period. At the end of the period, the records are erased from the MDT.

As part of the Montgomery County MDT, the data from the LPRs on City patrol vehicles is automatically transferred electronically to Montgomery County and is subsequently under the County's control and retention policies, in which data is stored for a year then archived indefinitely.

City Police Department staff brought information and a recommendation to the Mayor and Council at their April 22 meeting, and that body was expected to decide next steps as part of that evening's discussion.

Watch video from the April 22 Mayor and Council meeting online at www.rockvillemd.gov/rockville11 or contact the City Clerk's Office at 240-314-8280 for the latest information on the City's License Plate Recognition program.

Neighborhood Notes

Meet Your Neighbor: April Shin

Meet Your Neighbor is a regular feature in Rockville Reports and on Channel 11 designed to highlight the unique individuals that make our community a special place. To nominate someone for a future episode and article, email meetyourneighbor@rockvillemd.gov.

April Shin is a 15-year-old student at Richard Montgomery High School and an accomplished athlete.

This Rockville speedskater won the silver medal at the 2013 U.S. Junior National Short Track Speedskating Championship in January as part of the Junior National Team.

This placement qualified April to compete at the Junior World Short Track Speedskating Championships last February in Warsaw, Poland. April was one of eight Americans at the Warsaw event, competing against some of the top youth ath-



Local Rockville student, April Shin, wins medal in National Speedskating championship.

letes in the world.

Participating in an international competition was a chance for April to represent the country and also the City of Rockville.

"If you just watch it on the Olympics, that's different," April said. "When you go and experience it by yourself, it just feels like an honor to be there."

Speedskating is a competitive form of ice skating in which skaters race against each other in a course on the ice. April's interest in speedskating began at nine years old when she attended a community skate night at the recom-

mendation of her neighbor.

"[My neighbor] told us an Olympic skater from Korea is coming to coach us so she said to just try it out," April recounts. "I just started skating and I kept going from then."

The Olympian-turned-coach April would go on to skate for was Dong-Sung Kim, an Olympic gold medalist and former world champion from South Korea.

In a sport so intense that it has been referred to as "NASCAR on ice," the difference between finishing first and finishing last can be a

fraction of a second. April says it is less about physical attributes and more about mental grit.

"When you think there's a problem, you keep thinking about it and you think you can't do it," April says. "If you can win those challenges, that's what makes you a greater skater – mental strength."

While April has enjoyed a multitude of individual successes, she knows she would not be where she is today without her team, the Dominion Speedskating Club. According to April, her team is like her family.

In her return to the States after the world championships, April competed in a national competition where she placed third. That ranking put her in the top 15 speedskaters in the country, a placement that keeps April moving forward. April is currently training in preparation for the Olympic trials for the 2014 Winter Olympics. ❄️

Make Plans for a Civil War Event in Rockville

The Civil War Comes to Rockville on June 29

The Civil War Comes to Rockville is a free event that commemorates the 150th anniversary of Confederate General J.E.B. Stuart's march into town, en route to Gettysburg.

The event will take place on June 29 with family-friendly programs in downtown Rockville throughout the day:

- Hear lectures on the Civil War and African American history in the Grand Courtroom of the historic Red Brick Courthouse.
- Enjoy a concert by Washington Revels Heritage Voices, Roustabout Band and Jubilee Singers at Christ Episcopal Church.
- Watch historic re-enactors, craft demonstrations with music, children's stories and games at the Beall-Dawson House.
- Take a walking tour of historic "Rockville during the Civil War."
- See a reenactment of J.E.B. Stuart's 1863 ride into town and citizen roundup at Christ Church.
- Be on the lookout for a



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Reenactors with the Civil War Comes to Rockville event last took to the streets in town center in 2004.

special appearance by "President Lincoln."

- Dance the night away at an evening Community Country Dance in Rockville Town Square.
- The Civil War Comes to Rockville is just one part of Heritage Days Weekend 2013, during the week-end of June 29. The week-end's events will feature more than 30 sites around Montgomery County open free from noon to 4 p.m. with a focus on history, out-

door recreation, family activities, music and fun.

The Civil War Comes to Rockville is co-sponsored by the City of Rockville, Peerless Rockville, Heritage Montgomery, the Conference & Visitors Bureau of Montgomery County, Montgomery County Historical Society and Washington Revels.

For more information on Heritage Days and the Civil War Comes to Rockville event, visit www.HeritageMontgomery.org. ❄️



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